



Leaf Prints

Ages: Pre-K+

Collect a variety of leaves, paint one side, and press onto paper

<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Leaf-Prints>

What you'll need:

1. Variety of leaves of different shapes and sizes
2. Paper (any kind)
3. Acrylic Paint
4. Paint Brushes
5. Newspaper (to protect surfaces)
6. Paper Plate (or any object to lay your paint on)

How to:

1. Choose leaves that are still fresh and pliable.
 2. Lay newspaper on the work surface.
 3. Paint the surface of the leaf with your paint brush and color, making sure the entire leaf is colored with paint.
 4. Gently flip over the leaf on your paper while applying slight pressure with your hand to transfer the color.
 5. Peel off the leaf, and you should have a printed image of your leaf.
- Pick and dig ingredients, mix them together, and see which float/sink/dissolve/etc.

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Nature Collage/Suncatcher:

All Ages

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/14525/nature-craft-collage>

What you'll need:

1. Flowers
2. Leaves
3. Various Nature items of all colors and shapes
4. Contact Paper
5. Tape
6. String

How to:

1. Start with taking a nature walk and collect items that catch your eye such as flowers, dandelions, leaves, etc.
2. Lay a sheet of contact paper on a table with the sticky side facing up. Tape the edges of the contact paper down to the table to prevent peeling or movement.
3. Arrange collected items onto the contact paper.
4. Once you have your arrangement take another piece of contact paper and place it over the top of your design, making sure each sticky side is placed against each other.
5. Make two holes on the collage to place a string through to hang against your window.

Nature Ninja Scavenger

Ages: 2nd-5th Grade

Hunt: hunt for activities instead of items

<https://activeforlife.com/active-savenger-hunt/>

How to:

1. Find a log to balance on
2. Find a puddle to jump over or into
3. Find a rock to throw in a creek
4. Find an incline to climb up
5. Find a path to skip down
6. Find a hill to roll down
7. Shady tree to have a snack under
8. Make up your own activities to add

Other Ideas to Try:

"Name that Tree:" download an app that helps identify trees with a picture of a leaf from the tree, record the information for each leave: <https://www.plt.org/family-activity/teaching-with-itree/name-that-tree/>

"The Shape of Things:" https://www.plt.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/PLT_Act1_The_Shape_of_Things.pdf

A video to go along with it - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNHIZGxcLGA>

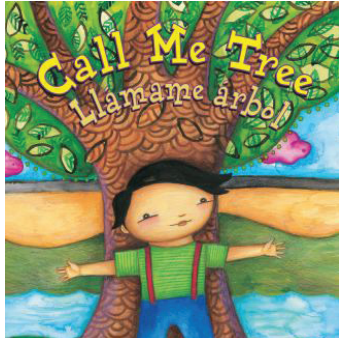


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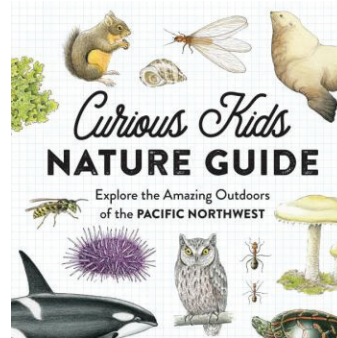
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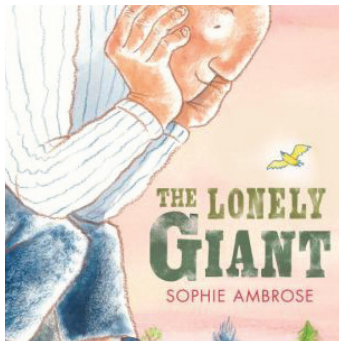
Library Book Picks



Call me tree =
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by Gonzalez, Maya
Christina



Curious kids nature
guide : explore the
amazing Pacific
Northwest
by Cohen, Fiona



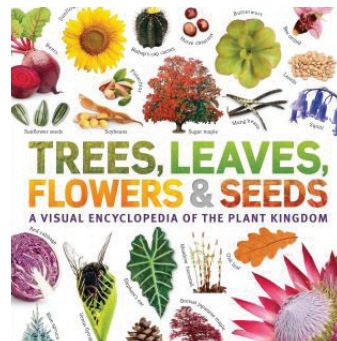
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by Ambrose, Sophie



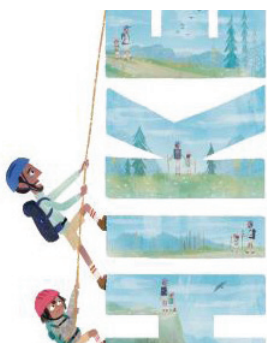
Tap the magic tree
by Matheson,
Christie



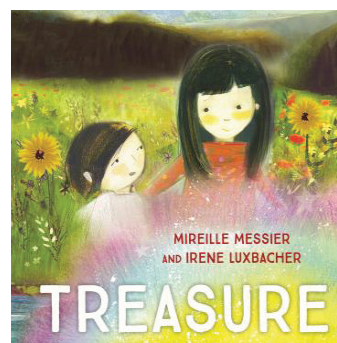
Leaves
by Stein, David Ezra



Trees, leaves,
flowers & seeds
by Jose, Sarah



Hike
by Oswald, Pete



Treasure
by Messier, Mireille

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Leaf People

All Ages

<https://lifestyle.howstuffworks.com/crafts/nature-crafts/tree-crafts-for-kids7.htm>

What you'll need:

1. Leaves, twigs, flowers, and other outdoor items
2. Construction paper
3. Craft glue
4. Crayons
5. Markers
6. Paint
7. Paintbrushes

How to:

1. Glue a leaf on a piece of paper with the stem pointing to the top of the paper.
2. Using crayons, markers, and paints, turn the leaf into a person. (Use leaf as the head or body.)
3. Glue on small twigs, flower petals, blades of grass, acorn caps, seed helicopters, and other items you collected outdoors to dress up your leaf people.
4. Use the markers, crayons, and paint to add more details to your people.



Bedtime Math

A Tree that's Tough to Hug

<http://bedtimemath.org/a-tree-thats-tough-to-hug/>

